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(B) Recall that the distance is given by $\frac{|f_{w,b}(x)|}{\|w\|}$. If only the bias term is changed, then $|f_{w,b}(x)|$ will change while $\|w\|$ remains same. So the distance will also be changed.

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Recall that the distance is given by $\frac{|f_{w,b}(x)|}{\|w\|}$. Then we have $d = \frac{|f_{w,b}(x)|}{\|w\|} = \frac{|1*1+2*2+2*3-1|}{\sqrt{1^2+2^2+2^2}} = \frac{10}{3}$.

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- (A) In this case, $\frac{y_i f_{w,b}(x_i)}{\|w\|}$ would be negative on those x_i with incorrect predictions. So take min on all training data, we will get the margin negative.
- (B) In this case, there exists at least one w and b such that all instances are correctly classified, so the corresponding margin is non-negative.

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(B) Consider a fixed scale such that $y_i f_{w,b}(x_i) \geq 2$ and the equality holds for at least one point, then the margin $\gamma = \frac{1}{\|w\|}$, and maximizing the margin on the training set is equivalent to minimizing $\|w\|$.

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(A) It is showed in the lecture that the margin is invariant to scaling of (w, b) .

(B) Here the margin should be $\frac{2}{\|w\|}$. Also, maximizing the margin on the training set is equivalent to minimizing $\|w\|$ subject to the constraints that $y_i f_{w,b}(x_i) \geq 2$.

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(A) As is shown in the lecture, if we remove those instances with $\alpha_i = 0$, it will not influence the SVM result.

(B) We can see that the dual problem only depends on y_i and the inner products of training instances. So we can also solve the SVM problem in this case.


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1. $(0, 1)$	3	3	1
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The support vectors are the first and third data points. The SVM solution should lie between them and has the largest margin. Thus we have $w = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$.